

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace on page 2 paragraph 1 with the following amended paragraph:

In addition, candles which release fragrance on use and which contain vegetable-based materials such as soy derivatives for all or a substantial portion of their structures are also commercially desirable and are known in the prior art, for example, the candles disclosed in the ECOWAX[™] website, <http://www.ngiwax.com>, by NGI, Inc., P.O. Box 528097, Chicago, Illinois 60652-8097, and in U.S. Patent Numbers 6,063,144, 6,086,644, and U.S. Published Patent Application 2001/0013195 published on August 16, 2001, these patents and application hereby incorporated by reference. However, the aforementioned prior art does not disclose or suggest, transparent substantially rigid gel candles having structures that include vegetable-based solvents that are substantially hydrocarbon-free and substantially stearic acid free.